

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**December 3, 2007**

C/Faber opened the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

**I HEREBY ANNOUNCE THAT PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETINGS WHICH WAS MAILED TO THE ASBURY PARK PRESS AND THE MESSENGER PRESS, POSTED ON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BULLETIN BOARD IN TOWN HALL AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK ON DECEMBER 20, 2006.**

**ROLL CALL: Rob Faber**, present; **Jim Bell**, present; **Al Morrone**, absent; **Mike Kuczinski**, present; **Mike Turner**, entered 8:05; **Fiore Masci**, absent; **Gary Dorfman**, present; **Bill Hanson**, present; **Steven Henig**, absent.

Township Committeeman Bob Kinsey was present

***PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:***

C/Faber opened the meeting to the public at 8:02 PM

**Dave Kurzman** (9 Cheryl Lane, Clarksburg, NJ 08510) spoke to the commission in regards to Rec Basketball. He feels the program is not being properly run and there is a lack of communication within the program. Balance of player's skills on teams is unfair. He feels evaluations should be completed at the start of the new season rather than the past season. He stated the Warriors traveling basketball league should not be combined with a rec program. The commissions advised these programs are unrelated. Some player's skills are strong amongst a poor performing team, so the player is evaluated at a higher level. D. Kurzman also stated the gentleman who is president of the Warriors league is also running the Rec league which is a conflict. C/Faber advised this was discovered after the fact and will be addressed. D. Kurzman stated he doesn't want to see the intentional physical contact which happened last year, causing his players to be injured. C/Faber advised Rec Secretary to contact Adam Lapkin who manages the referees and advised no intention physical contact will be tolerated.

**Lisa Bellotti** (13 Robbins Road, Perrineville, NJ 08535) discussed the conclusion of the first Field Hockey season. 3 coaches and 24 participants, which were split into two teams. The program was moved from Brandywine soccer fields to Abate Park, which worked out well. First three weeks consisted of lessons and drills, and then games were played within the program. C/Kinsey inquired about how she would like to grow the program. L. Bellotti stated she is sure the enrollment will double next season by opening the program up to older girls 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The younger girls would still play on a minkey field and the older girls on a regulation size field. She also would like to extend the season from 8 weeks to 10 weeks. L. Bellotti thanked the commissioners for the opportunity to create a field Hockey program for the Millstone Township Recreation Dept.

**Louis Keleher** (38 Hampton Hollow Dr., Perrineville, NJ 08535) Presented handouts to the commissioners of his finished Eagle Scout project. Attending 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with an update in regards to clearing a picnic area with benches at Brandywine soccer field. The final tables were erected and bird

houses were hung. C/Faber signed a completion of project form. The commissioners stated he did a great job and thanked him for his hard work.

**John Keleher** (38 Hampton Hollow Dr., Perrineville, NJ 08535) coaches Recreation Basketball discussed the method of dividing the roster into teams is not an exact science, but they do the best they can with the evaluations of the player's skills from the prior year. The evaluations are not always accurate as player skills can vary from one year to the next. He feels the teams are fair and the program runs smoothly. Using two referees has made a big difference.

C/Faber closed the meeting to the public at 8:43 PM

***AGENDA ITEMS:***

- **Holiday Lighting**

C/Kuczinski discussed the Holiday lighting ceremony held at the Community Center went smoothly although attendance was low possibly because the Middle School band did not perform and many people were in Florida for the Pop Warner cheerleading competition. A small ensemble from the Allentown High School band performed holiday music, Santa attended and Mayor Grbelja lead the tree lighting ceremony. Refreshments were served and crafts were available for the children to create. Donations were collected for the "Angel Wings" charity. Discussion in regards to securing the Middle school band next year and moving the ceremony back at the school.

- **Teen Night**

Dates were approved and volunteer chaperones for the first four Fridays were agreed on. 1/4/2008 Jim Bell, 1/11/2008 Rob Faber, 1/18/2008 Mike Turner, 1/25/2008 Mike Kuczinski, 2/1/2008 Bill Hanson. To be held at the Primary School.

- **Lacrosse fee increase**

C/Kinsey advised the ordinance for the fee increase will be passed December 5, 2007 at the town Council meeting.

- **Basketball**

Discussion took place about the improving the rating system of players for team placement. A lot of late sign ups for the 5th-8th grade boys division. Total enrollment of 409 down from last year of 440 participants. Need to identify where the drop off of enrollment is. There's a lack of communication within the program. Discussion took place in regards to travel basketball and rec basketball conflicts.

- **Facility Usage update**

Nothing to report at this time.

- **Football update**

C/Masci not present, C/Turner advised three cheerleading squads have advanced to the competition in Florida which is going on presently.

- **Abate Park update**

Nothing to report at this time.

- **Wagner Farm Park update**  
C/Bell advised the gym was locked for Rec Basketball on the past Saturday. Keys have now been signed out to coaches who are using Wagner Farm Park for games and practice. C/Faber stated the heat was not on, Rec Secretary advised they were putting new thermostats in.
- **Brandywine Soccer Fields update**  
A discussing took place about what is our policy on non-rec programs setting up tables to sell items for fundraising. Tabled to February's agenda for further discussion.
- **Wrestling update**  
The coaches are running the program very smoothly. The program was moved from Wagner to the schools and is underway with no issues.
- **Approval of the November 5, 2007 Minutes**  
**Motion to approve:** C/Hanson **Seconded:** C/Bell  
  
**Motion to approve:** Rob Faber, abstain; Jim Bell, aye; Al Morrone, not present; Mike Kuczinski, aye; Mike Turner, aye; Fiore Masci, not present; Gary Dorfman, aye; Steven Henig, not present, Billy Hanson, aye
- **Approval of the 2008 Recreation Meeting dates**  
**Motion to approve:** C/Bell **Seconded:** C/Kuczinski  
  
**Motion to approve:** Rob Faber, aye; Jim Bell, aye; Al Morrone, not present; Mike Kuczinski, aye; Mike Turner, aye; Fiore Masci, not present; Gary Dorfman, aye; Steven Henig, not present, Billy Hanson, aye
- C/Kinsey discussed the vandalism incident that occurred at the Middle school last month and inquired how the commission would like to handle the situation and to prevent this from happening again. A request for a letter to be sent to the program's director who was utilizing the facility on that date.
- C/Kinsey requested program budgets for 2008 need to be forwarded to Al Morrone.
- C/Faber requested of the Rec Secretary to confirm that all volunteers coaches for Rec basketball have been fingerprinted for the background check which is the policy of the township.

Motion to adjourn, Moved C/Bell, Seconded C/Faber, Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

cc: Township Committee  
Jim Pickering  
Maria Dellasala